

## [I called upon Carrie Merker]

(Walden) Interviews

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I called upon Carrie Merker, 443 E. 186 Street, whose article "Gone, Never to Return" was printed in the Bronx Home News, Jan. 15, '37, and in the course of my interview found the lady willing to contribute whatever may assist in the compilation of our folk lore.

Her article in the Bronx home News was submitted toward the winning of a five dollar prize offered by the paper to those whose writings were accepted. Miss Merker lent me the clipping for whatever value it may possess for us, and promised to jot down and forward whatever reminiscences may come to mind. From her, also, I obtained a clipping of an article printed in the Bronx News, submitted by [?] deceased. At the address given of Mrs. John Gessline, 462 past 186 street, I was informed that this Author of [?] had moved to somewhere in the vicinity of 156th street.

A long, hot walk across town brought me to the address of Mr. [Wm?.] F. Hopwood, 2140 Honeywell Ave. Mr. Hopwood is eighty-one years old and appears remarkably well, with little indication of approaching senility. He stats that he possesses an excellent memory and might, when in a reminiscence mood, recall many incidents that may prove suitable to our folk-lore project. He was born in a house, 1183 Forest Ave., still standing, that was built one hundred and six years ago, and of which we would be privileged to take picture. Mr. Hopwood was unable to find conveniently a clipping of his "[Looking Backwards 80 years?]" which appeared in the Bronx Home News 1/15/'37. I did, however, obtain from him some of the [original efforts?] toward the article, and these, [unspoiled by the editor, may be richer material then the polished?] product. He too has given [?] project address and, promised to send in whatever may occurs occur adequate to our purpose. The return,

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to New York City, of the soldiers at the [?] of the civil war is claimed as [???] memory by Mr. Hopwood. He I memory by Mr. Hopwood. He, I